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water. May I therefore know what special allotment is going to be utilized for this place by the Government ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I am unable to reply off-hand.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ On what basis the Government distribute their grants for sinking these wells ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ On the recommendation of the Labour Commissioner.”

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“ Is it a fact that the Labour Commissioner in a recent instance allotted about Rs. 4,000 and odd for sinking wells for Adi-Dravidas in the Nellore district and he afterwards withdrew that amount ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I want notice of the question.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know through whom the money is spent, through the taluk boards or any other agency ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I want notice.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ In view of the very distressing condition of some of the portions of some taluks of the Coimbatore district, may I request the hon. Member to see that the money granted is speedily spent ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I shall do so.”

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—“ Is it a fact that the amount allotted for digging well in a certain place was not spent although the depressed classes went there to dig the well and did the major part of the work themselves ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I shall look into the question.”

Forests.

Increments to unpassed range clerks in Forest Department.

* 299 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Conservator of Forests in his L. Dis. No. 9999/23, dated 8th February 1924, has allowed all the unpassed range clerks to rise up to Rs. 50 ?

A.—Proceedings L. Dis. No. 9999/23, dated 8th February 1924, were issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests and not by the Conservator. In those proceedings ten unpassed range clerks in the VI Circle who had previously been exempted by competent authority to hold permanent posts of clerks on specified rates of pay below Rs. 35 per mensem were permitted to draw increments up to Rs. 50 in the time-scale of Rs. 35—35—1½—50—1—60.